

Appl. No. 10/552,577
Amendment dated December 12, 2007
Reply to Office Action of July 12, 2007

REMARKS

In response to the December 10, 2007 Notice, Applicants have resubmitted the complete set of claims in which the status of each claims is indicated with an appropriate identifier in a parenthetical expression. Specifically, the underline in the text of the new claim 59 has been removed.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the July 12, 2007 Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 1 to clearly define the present invention over the prior art of record and added new claims 45-63 as indicated above. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of this application. Thus, claims 1 and 45-63 are pending, with claims 1 and 59 being the only independent claims.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the comments set forth in our October 2, 2007 Response, which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1 and 45-63 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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